

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22537

Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and come back to the Legislature during the next session for the cash to reimburse those costs. This legislation includes reimbursement for the costs incurred for three purposes. First, it reimburses the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund to pay for the costs of fighting fires on wild lands protected by the state and timber protective associations. Second, it reimburses the Department of Agriculture for prior fiscal year costs to survey and control pests on state and private lands. And third, it includes funding to reimburse the Military Division for costs incurred in FY 2013 that are associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$11,875,000 from the General Fund to three deficiency warrant funds for fiscal year 2014 as follows:

- 1) The Idaho Department of Lands had a negative ending balance of \$10,379,600 in the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund at the end of FY 2013. This appropriation retires that deficiency warrant.
- 2) The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$40,900 for an exotic pest survey, \$83,400 for Japanese Beetle treatment, and \$1,337,500 for Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) survey and treatment. After taking into account balances of \$5,100, JFAC appropriated \$1,456,700 from the General Fund to transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund. This is the amount needed to bring the FY 2013 year-end balance to zero.
- 3) The Military Division paid costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout the state that totaled \$77,300. Of that amount, \$29,400 was paid by the responsible parties involved and \$47,900 was paid by the issuance of deficiency warrants. However, an additional \$9,200 was later recovered after the issuance of those deficiency warrants, leaving a deficit of \$38,700. This appropriation retires this remaining deficiency.

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